

It has allowed me to learn so many things that I otherwise could have never learned. Education has always been very important to me because it has always been my life goal to become a competent computer programmer and engineer of electronic and mechanical devices. My life just isn't worth living if I can't learn more new things and eventually accomplish that goal of building cool things that may possibly even someday improve society's overall quality of life in my garage.

Additionally, the internet provides a marketplace for people to buy things that they don't sell brand new in popular stores. Some of these things are collectables like comic books and trading cards, but also, parts to build anything interesting out of can be hard to come by without the internet, since, for the vast majority of people, the only stores they hear about from other people, ads on TV, radio, etc, are stores like Best Buy and Sears, where you can buy readily made things, but not parts to build something unconventional out of.

However, if you have internet access, and you're lucky enough for there to even BE a store within reasonable driving distance to buy parts to build something interesting out of, you can find out about it online and drive there. If not, you can still search the internet and have whatever part you needed delivered to your door. Even for non-niche buys, I personally don't enjoy walking around in stores, and enjoy the convenience and selection of being able to shop for what I'm looking for online. I more often find it online than in a store anyways.

The FCC must have the power to protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must stand with me and keep the Internet in the hands of the people who use it every day. Please reclassify broadband as a "telecommunications service" and keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers.

The internet is a wonderful tool for academic research and communication. I think everyone should have access to the internet, so that society can collectively become more educated. With a more educated society, there will be more opportunities for scientific innovation that can improve quality of life for everyone.

Having more educated consumers is a good idea because they will be able to make more intelligent decisions about the items they buy, causing more positive impact on the market of available products than if they were uneducated. The impact more educated consumers would have on the market of available products would be that the market of affordable products that people ACTUALLY WANT would grow, causing improvement in the economy as a result of more people finding the market of available products desirable.

Currently, most consumers are uneducated, and make uneducated decisions about things they buy, causing them to have bought items they weren't really happy with (but that were hyped up so they impulsively bought them), only to have to go pay more and more money looking and looking for the

right product, or put up with the one they bought due to insufficient funding.

In addition, the masses making these poorly-educated impulsive buys causes the people who sold them the things they weren't happy to think people liked that product and make more like it, only to have the people who bought the original product and didn't like it not be returning buyers as a result of dissatisfaction with the original product, but putting up with it and not returning it due to time constraints and gas prices.

The result of poorly educated consumers is a market saturated with products that nobody wants to buy, and therefore a bad economy where things are not getting sold and many laid off people are not being hired because every big company is trying to save money by laying people off. Now don't you wish all these consumers were more educated and would make more intelligent buying decisions so companies can more reliably make desirable products?

Wouldn't it be nice if the products in stores were all exactly what most people were looking for? Instead of something they bought, put up with, don't want another of, and companies think it was a hit because so many people bought it and put up with it before, and now they're wondering why the consumers stopped buying stuff from all the big stores when marketing to an uneducated impulse buyer market with hype worked before?

Maybe big companies need to start marketing to a more educated consumer populace, as the internet has already made the consumers this much smarter, and they're not going to go to the store to buy something similar to that thing they impulsively bought before and didn't like and couldn't return, when they can search the internet, think about their options, and buy EXACTLY what they're looking for.

Because the truth is, the internet has already left a mark on the world, and consumers already do less impulse buying. It can't be undone either, and if the big companies took it away, people would still know better than to impulsively buy things, and would just stick to spending more on their basic needs rather than spend more on things they don't seriously need. The economy would only get worse if nobody had internet anymore.

The internet can only have a positive effect on the economy in the long run if all consumers could do research on the internet, become more educated, and make more intelligent buying decisions. However, they won't all have internet access if internet access does not become highly affordable, and it will probably be longer before there's any improvement in the economy if they don't become more educated.

Additionally, the internet is an excellent medium for society to intelligently discuss important social

and political issues, which would result in a society that is managed more efficiently in addition to being more prosperous, as a result of having been managed by a more intelligent democracy. The internet's continued neutrality can only have a positive effect on democracy and capitalism.